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Killeen Police are investigating an early morning homicide on Mimosa Dr.

Killeen Police received a 911 call on Monday, December 09, 2013, at 5:23am, from a female who advised she was taken hostage by a man in the 900 block of Mimosa Dr. The woman told officers that she was able to escape from the apartment and that the man was still inside with a weapon.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the witness was at 916 Mimosa #1 with a 41 year old male when the victim knocked on the door to speak with the male. The male and the victim exchanged words in the doorway when the he shot her. The male then threatened the witness and took her hostage; sometime later she was able to escape unharmed and call 911.

Officers arrived and spoke with the witness and located the body of the victim behind 919 Mimosa. The tactical response unit was deployed and convinced the male to surrender; he was taken into custody without incident at 7:24am.

The victim, a 43 year old Killeen resident, was pronounced deceased at 8:04am, by Justice of the Peace Bill Cooke. An autopsy was ordered to be performed at the Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas.

UPDATE – December 10, 2013

The victim has been identified as 43 year old Karen Louise Edwards, of Killeen.

The name of the 41 year old suspect will be withheld until this case is reviewed by the Bell County District Attorney's Office and formal charges are returned.

The Criminal Investigations Division continues to investigate this homicide and information will be released as it becomes available.

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